

HW 7

Due: 6 March 2025

As always, your answer will be graded on the quality of presentation as well as the correct answer. To get a good score: write your answer neatly, use complete sentences, and *justify your work*.

1. Suppose $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence with $a_0 = 5$, and for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + n(n-2).$$

Find a closed formula for $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

2. Suppose $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence with $b_4 = 17$, and for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$b_{n+1} = b_n + (n+1)^2.$$

Find a closed formula for $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

3. Suppose $(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence with $b_0 = 5$, $b_1 = 28$, and for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$c_{n+2} = 11c_{n+1} - 30c_n.$$

Find a closed formula for $(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

4. Consider the sequence $(d_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by $d_n = 3(1 + \sqrt{5})^n + 3(1 - \sqrt{5})^n$. Find integers A, B such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$d_{n+2} = Ad_{n+1} + Bd_n.$$